

CLAIMS:

1. A scooter for carrying a person or persons, comprising:

a rigid base platform having a top, a bottom, a front, a rear, and symmetric left and right sides;

5 a pair of non-swivelable rear wheels rigidly mounted to the rear of said platform and extending rearwardly and downwardly;

a handle portion having upper and lower ends;

a pair of swivelable front wheels rigidly mounted to the lower end of said handle portion;

10 a push bar having a mounting portion and an opposed push bar handle for gripping by a person pushing said scooter;

a means for rigidly attaching said handle portion to said base platform near the front thereof with said handlebar assembly extending upwardly therefrom and said front wheels extending downwardly therefrom; and

15 a means for rigidly attaching the mounting portion of said push bar to said base platform near the rear thereof, with said push bar extending upwardly and rearwardly therefrom.

2. The scooter of Claim 1, wherein said handle portion includes a height adjustable means for adjusting the position of said handlebar assembly to accommodate differently sized riders.

3 The scooter of Claim 2, wherein said height adjustment means comprises a round
20 tubular sleeve, a round tubular insert adapted for inserting into said tubular sleeve, and a clamping collar capable of compressing the end of said tubular sleeve against said tubular insert when said tubular insert is positioned as desired within said tubular sleeve.

4. The scooter of Claim 1, wherein said handle attachment means may be engaged to deploy said handle portion for riding of said scooter, or disengaged to stow said handle portion for storage of said scooter.

5. The scooter of Claim 4, wherein said handle attachment means comprises at least one
5 handle sleeve having an open end extending upwardly and forwardly from said base platform, at least one mating handle extending downwardly and rearwardly from said handle portion, and a quick release skewer; each said handle sleeve corresponding to and being capable of receiving one of said at least one mating handle inserts, said handle sleeve being adapted for retaining said quick release skewer, said handle insert being adapted for receiving said quick
10 release skewer and having a latching mechanism for engaging said quick release skewer.

6. The scooter of Claim 1, wherein said push bar attachment means may be engaged to deploy said push bar for pushing said scooter, or disengaged to remove said push bar for storage of said scooter.

7. The scooter of Claim 6, wherein said push bar attachment means comprises at least
15 one push bar sleeve having an open end extending upwardly and rearwardly from said platform, and at least one securing means; said push bar sleeve being capable of receiving said mounting portion of said push bar; said securing means, when engaged, retaining said push bar mounting portion inside said mounting sleeve; said securing means, when disengaged, enabling said push bar to be removed from said push bar sleeve.

20 8. The scooter of Claim 1, further comprising a height adjustment means for the push bar for adjusting the vertical height of the push bar handle such that the each side of the push bar has a tubular insert cooperating with a tubular receiver permitting the telescoping inward and outward of the push bar handle, and a locking means for retaining the push bar handle in position.

9. The scooter of Claim 1, further comprising a pair of rear fenders mounted to the rear of said base platform, one said fender projecting around and over each of said rear wheels.

10. The scooter of Claim 1, further comprising a seat, and a means for removably attaching said seat to said base platform.

5 11. The scooter of Claim 6, further comprising a carry basket mounted to said seat.

12. A method of deploying a collapsible, four-wheeled scooter comprising a rigid base platform having a top, a bottom, a front, and a rear, and symmetric left and right sides; a pair of non-swivelable rear wheels rigidly mounted to the rear of said platform and extending rearwardly and downwardly; a handle portion having upper and lower ends; a handlebar rigidly
10 mounted to the upper end of said handle portion; a pair of swivelable front wheels rigidly mounted to the lower end of said handle portion; a push bar having a mounting portion and an opposed push bar handle for gripping by a person pushing said scooter; a pivotable means for rigidly attaching said handle portion to said base platform near the front thereof with said handlebar assembly extending upwardly therefrom and said front wheels extending downwardly
15 therefrom; and a means for rigidly attaching the mounting portion of said push bar to said base platform near the rear thereof, with said push bar extending upwardly and rearwardly therefrom; said method comprising the steps:

engaging said push bar attachment means to secure said push bar to said base platform;

20 disengaging said pivotable attachment means to release said handle portion from the stowed position;

pivoting said handle portion about said pivotable attachment means frontwardly away from the top of said base platform;

re-engaging said pivotable attachment means to secure said handle portion in the deployed position; and securing means to retain said push bar inside said push bar sleeve; and

extending said adjustable handle to a desired length.

5 13. The method of Claim 12, further comprising the step of adjusting the vertical height of the push bar handle by releasing a locking means for retaining the push bar handle in position, telescoping the push bar handle inward and outward, and re-engaging the locking means to retain the push bar in the desired position.

14. The method of Claim 12, further comprising the step of adjusting the vertical height of
10 the push bar handle by releasing a locking means, altering the angle of the push bar handle to the base platform by re-aligning the push bar handle within the push bar attachment means and re-engaging the locking means to retain the push bar handle in the desired position.

15. The method of Claim 12, further including the step of removably mounting a seat to the top of said base platform.

15 16. The method of Claim 15, further including the step of removably mounting a carry basket to said seat.

17. A method of stowing a collapsible, four-wheeled scooter comprising a rigid base platform having a top, a bottom, a front, and a rear, and symmetric left and right sides; a pair of non-swivelable rear wheels rigidly mounted to the rear of said platform and extending
20 rearwardly and downwardly; a handle portion having upper and lower ends; a handlebar rigidly mounted to the upper end of said handle portion; a pair of swivelable front wheels rigidly mounted to the lower end of said handle portion; a push bar having a mounting portion and an opposed push bar handle for gripping by a person pushing said scooter; a pivotable means for rigidly attaching said handle portion to said base platform near the front thereof with said

handlebar assembly extending upwardly therefrom and said front wheels extending downwardly therefrom; and a means for rigidly attaching the mounting portion of said push bar to said base platform near the rear thereof, with said push bar extending upwardly and rearwardly therefrom; said method comprising the steps:

- 5 shortening said adjustable handle to the minimum length thereof;
- disengaging said pivotable attachment means to release said handle portion from the deployed position;
- pivoting said handle portion about said pivotable attachment means rearwardly towards the top of said base platform;
- 10 re-engaging said pivotable attachment means to secure said handle portion in a stowed position; and
- disengaging said push bar attachment means to remove said push bar from said push base platform.

18. The method of Claim 17, further comprising the step of collapsing said push bar handle to its minimum extension prior to removing said push bar from said base platform.

19. The method of Claim 17, wherein said scooter further comprises a seat removably mounted to the top of said base platform, said seat optionally including a carry basket, said method further including the step of unmounting said seat from said base platform.